



# News Release

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### Arizona Department of Public Safety Seizes Huge Amount of Cocaine during the month of July

A traffic stop by Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Highway Patrol Officers along with efforts by DPS Criminal Investigators resulted in the seizure of 134 pounds of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$1 million.

The traffic stop, which occurred July 19th, took place along Interstate 10 near Tucson. The cocaine was found hidden and creatively concealed deep inside the searched vehicle.

DPS Highway Patrol Officers also seized more than 15 pounds of methamphetamine in two separate traffic stops in the month of July.

“These seizures by our agency’s skilled officers clearly show that drug traffickers are willing to take any and all risks to get their product through the state. We at DPS are committed to arresting those involved in the proliferation of these dangerous drugs,” said Roger Vanderpool, Director of DPS.

As a result of DPS’ tireless effort to dismantle and disrupt the criminal organizations that manufacture, grow, transport and sell illegal drugs, communities in Arizona are becoming safer places to live.

*The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agencies in the United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona’s highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona’s largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix and has offices located in more than 80 communities within Arizona’s 15 counties.*